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## GOVERNOR PATRICK TO NOMINATE SIX ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD

BOSTON – March 27, 2013 – Governor Deval Patrick today announced his decision to nominate six administrative judges for reappointment to the Industrial Accident Board at the Department of Industrial Accidents: Lynn Coffin Brendemuehl, Omar Hernandez, Douglas A. McDonald, John G. Preston, Dianne L. Solomon and Fred A. Taub. All six nominees were recommended to the Governor by the Industrial Accidents Nominating Panel and the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

Lynn Coffin Brendemuehl has served as an administrative judge on the Industrial Accident Board since 2000. Prior to her appointment, she practiced law in Boston for 12 years and worked for two years at the Social Security Administration. Brendemuehl is a graduate of Boston College (B.A. summa cum laude, 1984) and Suffolk University Law School (J.D. cum laude, 1988) and a resident of Natick.

Omar Hernandez has served as an administrative judge on the Industrial Accident Board since 2003 and as the senior judge since 2011. Prior to 2003, Hernandez practiced law for 13 years, including four years in private practice, six years as a staff

attorney in the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Litigation Unit and three years as Deputy General Counsel at the Massachusetts Human Resources Division. He is a graduate of Cornell University (B.A., 1985) and Suffolk University Law School (J.D., 1989) and a resident of Chelmsford.

Douglas A. McDonald has served as an administrative judge on the Industrial Accident Board since 1994. Prior to his appointment, he worked for many years as a vocational rehabilitation specialist and as an examiner for workers' compensation and bodily injury claims. McDonald holds degrees from Boston College (B.A., 1965 and M.A. in Sociology, 1966) and Weston Jesuit School of Theology (Masters of Divinity, 1971). He resides in Boston.

John G. Preston has served on the Industrial Accident Board since 2002. Prior to becoming an administrative judge, he worked as an attorney for both employees and employers on workers' compensation matters for over 30 years. He is a graduate of University of New Mexico (B.A., 1964) and Suffolk University Law School (J.D., 1969) and a resident of Westford.

Dianne L. Solomon has served as an administrative judge on the Industrial Accident Board since 1988. Prior to her appointment, she practiced law for eight years, including six years at the Attorney General's Office and two years in private litigation practice. She is a graduate of University of Michigan (B.A., 1967), Simmons College (M.A. in English Literature, 1969) and New England School of Law (J.D., 1979). Solomon resides in Wayland.

Fred A. Taub has served on the Industrial Accident Board since 1989. Prior to becoming an administrative judge, Taub worked for three years as a conciliator at the Department of Industrial Accidents and for 7 years as a business agent and legislative representative for a union of public employees and health care workers. Taub is a graduate of University of Massachusetts, Amherst (B.A., 1980) and Suffolk University Law School (J.D., 1990). He resides in Brookline.

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